(c) whether an inquiry has been ordered into the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the findings of the inquiry and the action taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of building by Department of Posts

158. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts is contemplating a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to mobilize non-tariff revenue, by commercially exploiting its surplus land, on the lines of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) or the proposed Railway Land Development Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status; and

(c) the details of plots of land acquired in the past but the Department has not been able to construct buildings and other estates lying vacant in various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Department of Posts is contemplating a proposal for Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) under the aegis of the Department for development and management of postal estates. However, that is in a conceptual stage only and no details have been worked out.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Consultative paper on number portability

159. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has circulated a consultative paper on number portability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been or proposed to be taken in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has issued a Consultation Paper on 22nd July, 2005 seeking views of various stakeholders on specific issues such as ensuring tariff transparency, the National Numbering Plan and Regulating Porting charges etc.

(c) and (d) The written comments have been called by 6th January, 2006. The Open House discussions were held in Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Delhi.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) and (d) above.

Publishing of Mobile Telephone Directory

160. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether there has been a general demand for publishing mobile telephone directory especially in view of continuous terrorist threat in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to publish mobile telephone directory;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, There has been requests for publishing of Mobile Telephone Directory.

(b) to (d) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has given its recommendations on "Printing of Telephone Directory Enquiry Services" for basic and mobile telephone service. The same is being examined by the Department of Telecommunications.